

REMARKS

Claims 2-7, 9-13, 20-26, and 31-47 are pending. Claims 2-4, 6, 9-13, 21-26, and 32-37 have been amended and claims 1, 8, 14-19, and 27-30 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

In the July 29, 2004 Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-30, 32-37, and 48-54 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,229,430 to Dewey and U.S. Patent Group 5,802,158 to Jeong. The Examiner allowed claims 7, 20, 31 and 38-47. Claims 2-4, 6, and 9-13 have been amended so that they depend from allowed claim 7. Claim 5 depends from claim 4. Claims 21-26 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 20. Claims 32-37 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 31.

Independent claims 7, 20, 31, and 38-47 were deemed allowable in the Final Office Action. Claims 2-6 and 9-13 depend directly or indirectly from claim 7 and thus, are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 7. Claims 21-26 depend directly or indirectly from claim 20 and thus, are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 20. Claims 32-37 depend directly or indirectly from claim 31 and thus, are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 31.

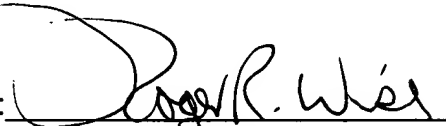
Applicant believes the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and a favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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